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**Unified Messaging Server and Method Bridges Multimedia Messaging Service
Functions with Legacy Handsets**

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Abstract

A messaging server with enhanced multimedia services (MMS) support enables legacy
15 handsets not enabled with MMS capability to transmit voice messages to MMS enabled
handsets where the message is delivered to the latter handset using an MMS communication
mode from the messaging server. Also, the messaging server supports the receipt and storage
of a multimedia message, and the subsequent delivery of at least portions of the multimedia
message to a non-MMS enabled handset by using a communication mode compatible with
20 the non-MMS enabled handset.